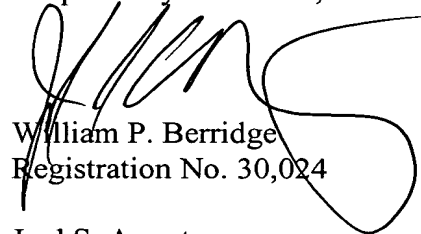


**REMARKS**

Claims 17-36 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1-16 are cancelled. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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